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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Bernardin et al.

For: REDUNDANCY-BASED METHODS, APPARATUS AND ARTICLES-OF-MANUFACTURE FOR PROVIDING IMPROVED QUALITY-OF-SERVICE IN AN ALWAYS-LIVE DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3), undersigned counsel respectfully requests that the time to respond to the *NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS* in the above-captioned application be extended, by three months, to include September 24, 2001. The PTO is authorized to charge the required fee of \$445.00 to Hopgood, Calimafde's deposit account no. 082776.

Respectfully submitted,

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